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Applicant(s)

HOFFMAN ET AL.

Examiner

Carolyn T. Blake

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 November 2005.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-18 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-18 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 November 2005 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to applicant's amendment received on November 10, 2005.
2. The objection to the specification is withdrawn in view of the amendment.
3. The text of those sections in Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Drawings

4. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, a plurality of housings and their arrangement and a number of wound rolls must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.
5. The drawings are objected to because it is not clear how the mounting element 75 is T-shaped. Clarification is required.
6. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering

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of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

7. Claim 13 is objected to because of the following: Referring to an opening in terms of thickness is unconventional and awkward. Appropriate correction, such as changing "thickness" to "width," is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. Claims 13-18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leahy (4,824,517) in view of Strachan (4,527,722) and Giancarlo (US 2003/0155368).

Leahy discloses a method of making dispensers (300) substantially as claimed, including: providing a housing, said housing comprising: (i) at least a first opening (between 345 and 370) and a second opening (between 357 and 390) spaced apart from the first opening, each opening having a thickness, and (ii) providing a corner defined by the first (324) and second (345) wall intersecting at an angle, the first opening being provided on the first wall (324) immediately adjacent the corner, providing a number of wound rolls of a first type of supply substrate (430), the first type of supply substrate (430) including a release layer (420) with relatively thin articles (410) and an adhesive releasably adhering the relatively thin articles (410) to the release liner

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(420), the first type of supply substrate (430) being thinner than the first opening; providing a number of wound rolls of a second type of supply substrate (400), the second type of supply substrate (400) being thinner than the thickness of the second opening; mounting the wound rolls of the first type of supply substrate (410) to a first corresponding number of the housing and extending an unwound lead end portion of each first type of supply substrate (430) within each of the first corresponding number of housings generally parallel to the second wall (345) thereof and then outwardly through the first opening of each of the first corresponding number of housing, thereby enabling the lead end portions to be bent over the corners of the housing for de-laminating the relatively thin articles through the first openings; mounting the wound rolls of the second type of supply substrate (400) to a second corresponding number of the housing and extending an unwound lead end portion of the second type of supply substrate (400) outwardly through the second openings of the second corresponding number of housings. Furthermore, Leahy discloses a mounting a cutter (350) with a cutting edge (352).

Leahy fails to teach this method for a plurality of dispensers. However, Strachan discloses a plurality of dispenser housings having essentially identical constructions. This plurality of dispensers allow for different types of materials to be dispensed simultaneously. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide multiple Leahy dispensers, as disclosed by Strachan, for the purpose of dispensing different materials simultaneously.

In addition, Leahy fails to expressly disclose the second substrate is thicker than the first substrate and the second opening is also thicker than the first opening. Giancarlo discloses a device for dispensing a magnetic strip with an adhesive layer. To provide a different material to dispense in the Leahy device, such as the magnetic tape disclosed by Giancarlo, and enlarge the size of the second opening accordingly to accommodate this material would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made. Such a change could be preferable to a person interested in craft projects.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Avery (2,373,092), Kaspar (2,83,1710), Arsonson (3,793,123), Leahy (4,772,355), Bestgen (5,102,493), and Dudley et al (5,806,713) disclose dispensers.

11. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carolyn T. Blake whose telephone number is (571) 272-4503. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM, alternating Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N. Shoap can be reached on (571) 272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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